

It was Dr. King who once said he owed his inspiration to fight injustice to God and his method—nonviolent resistance—to Gandhi. The American civil rights movement, from lunch counter sit-ins to the Montgomery County bus boycott, was influenced by Gandhi's foundational principle of Satyagraha, or non-violent civil disobedience.

Today, modern India is a leader as the world's largest democracy, among the world's largest economies, and as our close friend and ally. The U.S.-India friendship remains a growing and essential part of U.S. foreign policy, and working together our two countries are a powerful force for positive change in the region and in the world.

On this day, I join the Indian-American community and friends around the globe to remember and celebrate the life of this fearless man who led a nation to gain independence for his people from the British Empire. Gandhi's life was a testament to invincibility of truth over injustice. As he said, "When I despair, I remember that all through history the way of truth and love has always won. There have been tyrants and murderers and for a time they seem invincible, but in the end, they always fall. Think of it, always."

IN HONOR OF MRS. BARBARA J.  
DANIEL

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, October 3, 2011*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Mrs. Barbara Daniel who is being inducted into the West Tech High School Hall of Fame by the West Tech Alumni Association.

Barbara graduated from West Tech High School in 1962. At the age of 40, Barbara enrolled at Cleveland State University, where she earned a Bachelor of Arts in 1999. Several years later, she earned her Master's Degree in English. Barbara spent 25 years in the financial services industry supporting insurance agents and financial planners. In 2001, she established Insurance Resources, and worked as a financial consultant to insurance agencies. During her career in the financial sector, Barbara served as the President of the National Association of Insurance & Financial Advisors. In 2004, Barbara changed careers and became the owner, publisher and editor of The Cleveland Women's Journal—East Edition. The mission of the magazine is "to empower women through knowledge."

In addition to her career, Barbara has been an active member of her community. She served as president of the Women's City Club from 2003 until 2006. Barbara is currently a member of the National Association of Women Business Owners, the League of Women Voters, Women in Networking, Working Women Connection, the YWCA, the American Advertising Federation, the American Marketing Association. She is also the secretary of the Dancing Wheels Board of Directors and serves on the Board of Directors for the Beachwood Chamber of Commerce.

Because of her work ethic and dedication to her community, Barbara has received several awards. In 1994, Barbara received Valmark Securities' "Excellence is the Exceptional Drive to Exceed Expectations" award. She

has also been awarded the Women's City Club Elsa Pavlik award in 2003 and was a finalist for Inside Business magazine's Athena Award in 2005.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in congratulating Mrs. Barbara Daniel for being honored by West Tech Alumni Association and being named to the West Tech High School Hall of Fame.

HONORING DAVID MARING

**HON. MIKE QUIGLEY**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, October 3, 2011*

Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the long and distinguished career of Principal David Maring. This summer, Mr. Maring retired after 46 years of dedication to education and academic excellence as a teacher and principal of Pilgrim Lutheran School in the 5th Congressional District of Chicago.

Mr. Maring began his long and respected career in education by joining Pilgrim Lutheran School as a teacher in 1965. After six years of excellent service he became principal of Pilgrim Lutheran.

As a principal, Mr. Maring was so dedicated to his profession that he made the extra effort to know every student by name. He inspired his staff to become the best teachers they could be in order to provide an excellent education for their students. He sought to provide a progressive education to nourish the students in both spirit and mind. Mr. Maring never fully left the classroom, and he continued to teach math and physical education and coach sports teams throughout his tenure.

Mr. Maring's dedication to his profession, his exceptional wisdom and leadership ensure his lasting place in the hearts of generations of Pilgrim students, faculty, and the Ravenswood community at large. Mr. Maring is the embodiment of the Pilgrim Lutheran motto: "Academic Excellence with a Heart."

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing David Maring and his extraordinary career, and to thank him for his many contributions to the Pilgrim Lutheran School, his students, and the community.

HONORING STEVENSON-D'ALESSIO  
AMERICAN LEGION POST 12

**HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, October 3, 2011*

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Stevenson-D'Alessio American Legion Post 12, located in the Borough of Somerville, Somerset County, New Jersey, on the occasion of its 90th anniversary.

In 1919, Congress chartered the American Legion as a patriotic, mutual help, war-time veterans organization; a group of veterans who established a community-service organization which now numbers nearly 3 million members. Later that same year, a small group of World War I veterans in Somerville, New Jersey decided to establish an American Legion post of their own.

The group decided to name their post in honor of one of Somerville's first residents, United States Army Sergeant John Roland Stevenson, who was killed in action in France in 1918. Stevenson Post 12, American Legion received its charter on April 1, 1921, making it the 12th post in the State of New Jersey.

Until the late 1930s, members met anywhere they could, but soon rallied together to raise money and purchase land to erect their Post home. Construction began in 1939. Through the generosity of friends and neighbors, the building was complete after six years of long volunteer hours.

In 1942, during World War II, another Somerville resident lost his life defending our country. Seaman First Class, James W. D'Alessio, U.S. Navy, paid the ultimate sacrifice when the USS *Juneau* was hit by Japanese torpedoes. To honor his memory, the members of Stevenson Post 12 adopted SC1 D'Alessio's name as part of its official title, becoming Stevenson-D'Alessio Post 12.

Today, the Post home has increased to nearly double its size since the post-WWII era and has become a good neighbor in the community. They have opened their halls to community service clubs and organizations and many non-profits are able to use their hall free of charge. After serving their Nation and protecting our freedom, Legion members and their Auxiliary have gone the extra step in continuing to serve.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in recognizing Stevenson-D'Alessio American Legion Post 12 on its 90th anniversary.

IN HONOR OF OHIO STATE  
SENATOR THOMAS PATTON

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, October 3, 2011*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Ohio State Senator Thomas Patton who is being inducted into the West Tech High School Hall of Fame by the West Tech Alumni Association.

Born and raised in Cleveland's near Westside, Senator Patton is one of nine children. He attended St. Colman's School before enrolling at West Tech High School. While attending West Tech, Senator Patton was a member of the basketball team. Upon graduating in 1971, he married his high school sweetheart, Evelyn Hawkins, and started classes at Cleveland State University on an athletic scholarship.

In 1974, Senator Patton and his brother, Terry, opened Cleveland Business Systems. In 2002, he decided to run for a seat in the Ohio House of Representatives. He won the election and represented the 18th District from 2003 until 2008. In November 2008, Senator Patton was elected to the Ohio Senate's 24th District. As an Ohio State Senator he serves as chairman of the Senate Transportation Committee and is a member of the Finance Committee, the Energy and Public Utilities Committee and the Ways and Means and Economic Development Committee. Senator Patton also serves as co-chair of the Ohio Senate Autism Caucus and as a member of the Ohio Turnpike Commission, the Ohio Athletic Commission, the Ohio Rail Development